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1. BRIEFING ON CAPETOWN TALKS --

REPRESENTATIVES OF WESTERN FIVE BRIEFED NEW YORK SWAPO REPRESENTATIVE BEN-GURIRAB ON CAPETOWN TALKS, WITH UK AMB MURRAY ACTING AS SPOKESMAN. BEN-GURIRAB SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR PROGRESS REPORT, WOULD NOT COMMENT ON DETAILS, BUT DID ASK SEVERAL QUESTIONS WHICH INDICATED CAREFUL READING OF PRESS REPORTS.

AT STAFF LEVEL WESTERN FIVE DISCUSSED FURTHER BRIEFINGS ON CAPETOWN TALKS AND AGREED THAT COMMISSIONER AHTISAARI OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA SHOULD BE GIVEN NEARLY FULL BRIEFING, BUT BY FRG COUNSELOR VERGAU ALONE (WHO ALREADY HAS APPOINTMENT ON ANOTHER MATTER WITH AHTISAARI). THE FIVE ALSO AGREED THAT TRUNCATED, INFORMAL BRIEFINGS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR NON-FRONT-LINE AFRICAN STATES, OAU, AND OTHER SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS DURING NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS. OTHER WEO'S WILL BE BRIEFED MORE FULLY IN NEW YORK AT DISCRETION OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 1452, 1453)

2. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEE STUDENTS --

DURING INFORMAL WESTERN FIVE STAFF LEVEL DISCUSSION, UK MISOFF EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT OPEN DEBATE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON PROVIDING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEE STUDENTS MIGHT NOT BE AS NON-CONTROVERSIAL AS EXPECTED, IN VIEW OF FORTHCOMING MAPTUO CONFERENCE. FRENCH MISOFF DISCLOSED HE HAD SUGGESTED TO BENINESE SC PRESIDENT THAT PERHAPS HE COULD ISSUE STATEMENT FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS SAYING HE FOUND AGREEMENT THAT THE SC SHOULD ACCEPT FARAH REPORT AND FORWARD IT TO SUMMER

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ECOSOC SESSION FOR CONSIDERATION. THE FRENCH WILL QUIETLY OFFER THIS IDEA TO OTHERS PRIOR TO CONSULTATIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 1454)

3. MAPTUO CONFERENCE --

DURING WESTERN FIVE MEETING, UK PERM REP RICHARD AND AMB MURRAY MADE CLEAR UK WAS GOING TO MAPUTO VERY RELUCTANTLY BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBLE ADVERSE EFFECT THEIR ATTENDANCE MIGHT HAVE ON ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS, PARTICULARLY ON RHODESIA. UKDEL'S INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO AVOID NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TEXT AT MAPUTO. CANADIANS EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT REAL OPPORTUNITIES EXIST FOR WEST TO MODERATE TEXT TO SOME DEGREE, BUT THEY AGREED THAT FINAL RESULT WOULD SURELY BE UNACCEPTABLE TO ALL FIVE. FRENCH RESTATED RELUCTANCE TO GO TO MAPTUO AND UNACCEPTABILITY OF CURRENT DRAFT TEXT. FRG WAS WILLING TO DISCUSS BUT NOT NEGOTIATE TEXT IN MAPUTO, AND HOPED THAT AMB YOUNG WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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ABLE TO INFLUENCE AFRICAN (PARTICULARLY FRONT-LINE) STATES AT THE CONFERENCE TO SUPPORT WESTERN INITIATIVES ON ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA. GENERAL VIEWS OF WESTERN FIVE WERE THEY WILL MAINTAIN COMMON POSITIONS ON, AND LOBBY IN FAVOR OF, US-UK INITIATIVES ON ZIMBABWE AND WESTERN FIVE INITIATIVE ON NAMIBIA, WILL "DISCUSS" TEXT BUT GENERALLY AVOID "DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS," AND WILL SURELY DISASSOCIATE THEMSELVES FROM FINAL TEXT.

DISCUSSIONS WITH MANY DELS INDICATE NO ONE HAS CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT THE ATMOSPHERE IN MAPUTO WILL BE, WHAT THE TEXT WILL LOOK LIKE ONCE THE AFRICAN GROUP HAS OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS ON IT, WHAT FORM NEGOTIATIONS WILL TAKE, OR HOW MUCH LEVERAGE THE WEST WILL HAVE IN MAPUTO.

NORWEGIANS TOLD A GROUP OF WEO'S AND JAPAN THAT THE ORGANIZAING COMMITTEE FOR THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE NOW EXPECTS 80 OR 90 COUNTRIES (INCLUDING ABOUT 18 WEO'S) TO ATTEND AND HOPES EACH PLENARY STATEMENT WILL BE LIMITED TO ABOUT 10 MINUTES (AS OF MAY 6, 30 SPEAKERS INSCRIBED, USUN LEARNED). THE ONLY DOCUMENT EXPECTED TO COME OUT OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE A REPORT CONTAINING THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION, AND, PRESUMABLY, RESERVATIONS AND DISASSOCIATIONS. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, GROUP AGREED TO CONSULT OTHER WEO'S GOING TO MAPUTO AND TO SUGGEST THAT WESTERN CANDIDATES SHOULD BE NORWAY (VRAALSEN) FOR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND AUSTRALIA FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE PLENARY. IN GENERAL DISCUSSION OF TEXT AND TACTICS, AUSTRALIA, CANADA AND NORWAY STRONGLY FAVORED HEAVY WESTERN INVOLVEMENT IN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TEXT, AND UK, SUPPORTED BY US AND FRANCE, ARGUED AGAINST DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS. ONLY NORWAY AND AUSTRALIA SAID THEY WOULD PROBABLY JOIN A CONSENSUS AT THE END OF THE CONFERENCE.

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BY NOTE, CHILEAN PERM REP INFORMED THE SYG THAT GOC DECIDED NOT
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TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE BECAUSE OF THE "OFFENSIVE TERMS" USED BY MOZAMBIQUE PRESIDENT MACHEL IN REFERRING TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PRESIDENT OF CHILE (IN CUBAN-MOZAMBIQUE COMMUNIQUE). (USUN 1442)

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4. AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING --

CHAIRMAN DADZIE OPENED THE COMMITTEE'S MAY 9 MEETING BY NOTING THE GROWING FRUSTRATION OF MEMBERS. HE POINTED OUT THERE HAD BEEN NO AGREEMENT ON ANY SIGNIFICANT RESTRUCTURING PROPOSAL, AND, IN FACT, IN RECENT MEETINGS SOME OF PREVIOUS AREAS OF AGREEMENT HAD COME UNGLUED. HE SUGGESTED THE ONLY CONCLUSION TO BE DRAWN WAS THAT EMBERS FELT THE EXISTING STRUCTURES TO BE ADEQUATE, AND, IF SO, THE COMMITTEE SHOULD PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE THIS. IF THEY DISAGREED, IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO EXAMINE THE POLITICAL-STRUCTURAL CONSTRAINTS AND PERHAPS DEVISE A NEW STRUCTURE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK. HE INDICATED HE WAS PREPARED TO ASSIST IN TRANSITIONAL ARRAGEMENTS (I.E., FROM ONE CHAIRMAN TO ANOTHER). ALL DELEGATIONS WERE UNANIMOUS IN THEIR APPEAL TO DADZIE NOT TO ABANDON THE EXERCISE. USDEL (KITCHEN)
SAID IT WAS NECESSARY TO IDENTIFY UNDERLYING PREOCCUPATIONS OF GOVERNMENTS -- WHETHER POLITICAL, PERSONNEL OR ORGANIC -- AND HE SAW MERIT IN INFORMAL EXCHANGES LEADING TO AN UNDERSTANDING OF MUTUAL INHIBITIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 1449)

5. COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS --

THE COMMISSION CONCLUDED ITS DIFFICULT AND SOMETIMES CONFRONTATIONAL THIRD SESSION LATE MAY 6 WITH THE APPROVAL OF A CONSENSUS REPORT THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH US POSITIONS. IN ITS FINAL CONCLUSIONS, THE COMMISSION AGREED TO INSTRUCT THE WORKING GROUP ON A CODE OF CONDUCT TO CONTINUE ITS WORK TOWARD FORMULATION OF CODE "TAKING INTO ACCOUNT, INTER ALIA" REPORT OF WORKING GROUP AND VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THE COMMISSION. THE REPORT ALSO HAS THE COMMISSION TAKING NOTE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ASSURANCE THAT THE CENTER ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS WILL NOT UNDERTAKE ACTIVITIES ABOUT WHICH CONCERN

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WAS EXPRESSED BY DELEGATIONS, WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE
TO COMMENTS BY USDEL AND OTHERS IN SUMMARY SECTION OF REPORT
TO THE EFFECT THAT THE CENTER MUST NOT BECOME INVOLVED
IN PARTICULAR NEGOTIATINS. IN EXPLANATIONS OF VOTES ON THE RESOLUTION
ON COLLABORATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, ADOPTED IN THE MORNING
36-4(US)-7, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES EMPHASIZED THEIR
SUPPORT FOR THE BASIC OBJECTIVES OF THE RESOLUTION BUT
HAD DOUBTS THAT THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS WERE EITHER
APPROPRIATE OF HELPFUL. THE RESULT OF THE CODE EXERCISE
SERVED TO EMPHASIZE THE SHARP DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE
DEVEOPLED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS ON THE PERMANENT
SOVEREIGNTY-INTERNATIONAL LAW ISSUES. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN
1432, 1433, 1441)

6. SOCIAL COMMITTEE --

THE COMMITTEE COMPLETED ACTION MAY 6. ON HUMAN RIGHTS
QUESTIONS BY ADOPTING DRAFT RESOLUTIONS CONTAINED IN THE
REPORT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (E/5927) ONLY

ONE NEW DRAFT WAS TABLED, THE DUTCH PROPOSAL FOR CREATION
OF A WORKING GROUP OF THE SYBCOMMISSION ON PREVENTION
OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES FOR THE
PURPOSE OF ANALYZING DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL ON TORTURE.
ARGENTINA, CUBA AND THE USSR WERE PRINCIPAL OPPONENTS
AGAINST SETTING UP SUCH A WORKING GROUP. THE NEW COMBI-
NATION OF SENSITIVE LATIN STATES PLUS THE TRADITIONAL
OPPONENTS OF EFFECTIVE ACTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES
(EASTERN EUROPEANS PLUS CUBA) COMBINED TO MAKE THE PASSAGE
OF THE NETHERLANDS RESOLUTION IMPOSSIBLE, AND THE NETHERLANDS
DECIDED TO WITHDRAW IT RATHER THAN HAVE IT DEFEATED
IN A VOTE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 1445)

7. HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE --

ACTION AT THE 62ND ECOSOC SESSION WITH RESPECT TO

CHILE WAS LIMITED TO ADOPTION OF A SIX-LINE DRAFT DECISION
EXTENDING THE MANDATE OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON CHILE,
AS PROPOSED IN THE REPORT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.
EARLIER, CHILEAN DEL TOLD US PASSAGE OF A SIMPLE
DRAFT DECISION WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN CHILE'S
FUTURE RELATIONS WITH THE HRC AND THE AD HOC WORKING

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8. LETTER FROM FORMER CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER --

FORMER CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER AND SYG OF UNIDAD POPULAR, ALMEYDA, SENT LETTER, THROUGH CHILE DEMOCRATICO EXILE GROUP AND USUN, TO PRESIDENT CARTER WHICH ENUMERATES THE MANY WAYS IN WHICH THE USG IS ALLEGED TO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE OVERTHROW OF THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT AND ASKS WHAT THE USG POLICY TOWARD CHILE IS AT THIS TIME. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 1451)

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9. COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL GA SESSION ON DISARMAMENT --

BEGINNING ITS FIRST SUBSTANTIVE SESSION MAY 9, THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO A RECOMMENDATION BY ITS BUREAU THAT THE SECRETARIAT PROVIDE, FOR GENERAL CIRCULATION, LISTS OF COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS KNOWN TO BE CONDUCTING RESEARCH IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT AND INDICATE WHERE THOSE COMMUNICATIONS AND ANY ANNEXED DOCUMENTATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO DELEGATIONS. GENERAL DEBATE WAS BEGUN WITH STATEMENT BY PETRIC (YUGOSLAVIA), ONLY SPEAKER, WHO SAID INTER ALIA ONE OF THE TASKS AT THE SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD BE TO REACH POLITICAL AGREEMENT ON HOW TO PREVENT THE SOPHISTICATION AND SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND HOW TO ENSURE THE FREE TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES UNDER EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL. THE SESSION SHOULD APPRAISE THE PRESENT STATE OF THE DISARMAMENT PROBLEM, RESULTS OF NEGOTIATIONS, CONSEQUENCES AND DANGERS POSED TO DETENTE BY THE CONTINUATION OF THE ARMS RACE, AS WELL AS CONSEQUENCES INVOLVING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THE AGENDA SHOULD BE BROAD AND INCLUDE: GENERAL DEBATE, ELABORATION AND ADOPTION OF A DECLARATION, ELABORATION AND ADOPTION OF A PROGRAM OF DISARMAMENT MEASURES, AND ROLE OF THE UN IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD, HE SAID.

10. COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAM AND COORDINATION --

THE COMMITTEE, AT A CLOSED ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MAY 9, REELECTED HANSEN (DENMARK) AS ITS CHAIRMAN, DEFERRED ELECTION OF OTHER OFFICERS, AND AGREED THAT DURING ITS FORTHCOMING SESSION (MAY 23-JUNE 17) IT WOULD HOLD INFORMAL MEETINGS TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 1978-79, MAKE IN-DEPTH STUDIES OF THE REPORTS BEFORE IT, AND CONSIDER QUESTIONS OF COORDINATION. ON THE BASIS OF PREVIOUS CONSULTATIONS, HANSEN OFFERED COMMENTS
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ON THE ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED. (USUN 1450)

11. CONSULTATIVE PANEL ON PUBLIC INFORMATION (CPPI) --

GENERAL APPROVAL FOR OPI WORK AND PLANS WAS VOICED AT SIXTH SESSION OF CPPI HELD APRIL 25-26, AT WHICH 22 COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED. USSR FAILED TO GAIN ACCEPTANCE OF ITS PROPOSAL TO BROADEN PANEL'S MANDATE. SOME CONTENTION OVER OPI OBJECTIVITY AROSE IN CONNECTION WITH A FILM ON THE NIEO SHOWN TO PANEL MEMBERS,WITH US STRESSING NEED FOR BALANCED PRESENTATION OF UN DEVELOPMENTS WITH DUE REGARD TO MINORITY VIEWPOINTS, AND PERU OBJECTING ON OTHER GROUNDS. INDIA COMPLAINED THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE GETTING INADEQUATE SHARE OF INFORMATION CENTER DIRECTOR POSTS, AND US POINTED OUT THAT EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION APPLIED TO SECRETARIAT AS A WHOLE. POLAND OBJECTED TO LOW EE REPRESENTATION IN OPI AT HEAD-QUATERS. (USUN 1437)

12. OMANI REPLY TO CUBAN-PDRY COMMUNIQUE --

THE UN CIRCULATED (A/32/78) TEXT OF LETTER FROM THE PERM REP OF OMAN WHICH REFERS TO THE CUBAN-DEMOCRATIC YEMEN JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND STATES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF OMAN BELIVES THAT THE "FALSIFICATIONS THAT CHARACTERIZED THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE CONSTITUTE AN OVERT INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS" OF OMAN. IT ADDS THAT "THIS ACT OF ENMITY BY CUBA IS NOT THE FIRST OF ITS KIND."

13. US CONTRIBUTION TO UN --

USUN DELIVERED TO THE SYG MAY 9 A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF $50,000, WHICH REPRESENTED THE US CONTRIBUTION TO THE UN FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PROGRAM FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA FOR 1977.

14. SIGNING OF ENMOD CONVENTION --

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THE SOVIET AND UKRAINIAN MISSIONS FORMALLY NOTIFIED THE SYG THEY ARE "PREPARED TO SIGN" THE ENMOD CONVENTION AT GENEVA ON MAY 18 "AT THE LEVEL OF THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS." (USUN 1448)

15. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL AGENDA --

THE UN CIRCULATED AS DOCUMENT T/1780 THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 44TH TC SESSION TO BE CONVENED IN NEW YORK UNE 6. (USUN 1446)

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